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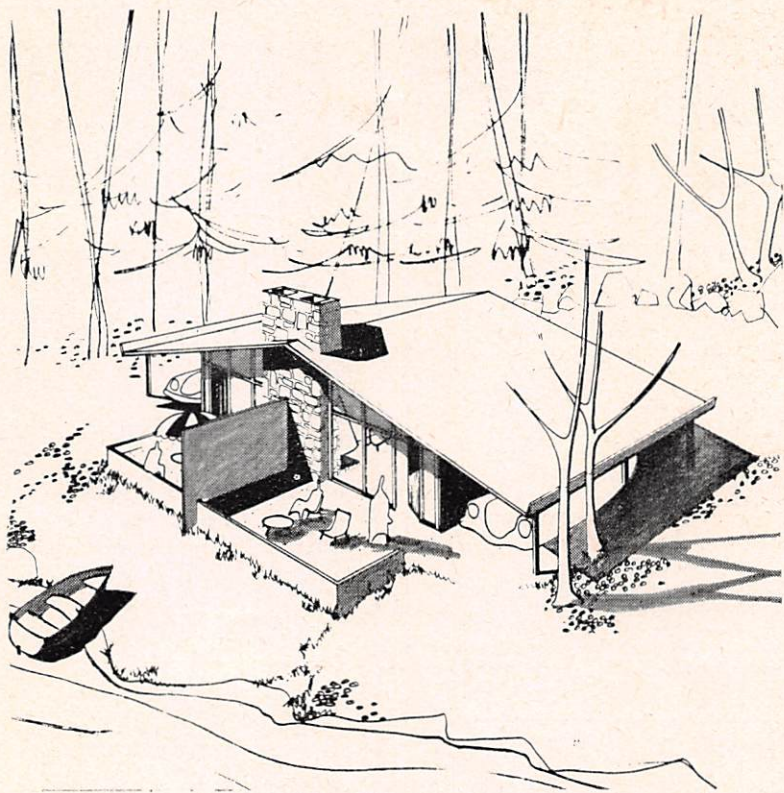
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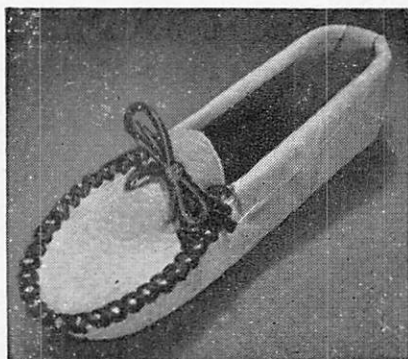
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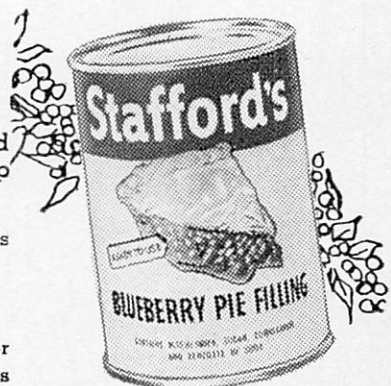
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A Bright New Year

At eight o'clock a hush fell upon every group of boys—those clustered 'round checker and chess games, those sprawled out in fantastic "reading" positions, and those just gazing into the big open fire. "Johnny", the weatherman, was posting his sheet — "15 degrees above zero, crisp and clear."

Watches were to be advanced two hours, so now it was ten o'clock in the evening. Jan, the ski master, came in adjusting his mitts—"come on fellows", he said with pleasant Czech accent, "quietly now, get your skis on."

Quickly, and with obvious enthusiasm, the forty boys and leaders assembled outside with skis adjusted. Twenty carried torches. Serpentine-like, the procession glided over the hills, out to where a fellow could feel the real thrill of winter wilderness. A song burst out, and mingling here and there, the carefree yodels of these happy "kids" declared to all that wilderness, that "this is living."

Now, reaching a windswept ridge, they could see the rendezvous, in a sheltered valley amid a grove of ghost-like cedars . . . a blazing fire . . . the kind that's made from old dry sugar maple stumps.

The guide waved "let's go gang" . . . and down they came . . . each youngster taking flight on fresh crisp snow, and soon to take his place within the campfire's glowing circle.

This was the place for campfire songs, for roasted weiners, for a mug of fine hot cocoa . . . This was the way to see the New Year in!

These boys were Canadian Campers, learning to live comfortably in the out-of-doors, growing through organized camping, that educational process which can be so closely related to vital daily living at any time of the year.

They saw the New Year in!

For most people, New Years is a time for a few memories, for some stock-taking, and for much planning ahead.

The memories not to be lost, frequently centre around these pioneers within our movement who reached out to do the "extra" things, and to do them well.

The stock-taking, moving beyond any record of accomplishment there may have been, involves a critical look at what we are doing and why.

The future? That is always the brighter side . . . with the hope that newer days will always bring more worthwhile things!

A new C.C.A. executive will take office in February of this year, and those of us who leave office cannot say that we have built a "permanent edifice". Perhaps we will never have one, and perhaps we are really more

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Publicity P's and Q's

EANSWYTHE FLYNN

Sooner or later, the shape of things to come is revealed to each one of us. But to camping people, the future depends on today . . . now . . . this minute . . . and what we do with it publicity-wise. In other words, what is to come in our camping lives is governed by what we do with our public relations in the present.

How often have folk outside camping circles wondered how in the world camp directors fill in the months between camp closing and camp opening! A boat trip here, a winter ski holiday there, maybe a jaunt to Florida, seems to be the layman's idea of it. He has no idea of building plans, repairs, construction contracts, maintenance work, printing, legal details, insurance, ordering of food and hiring of staff that every director must cope with well in advance of July first each year; to say nothing, of course, of voluntary Camping Association work! Nor does he realize that a public relations programme, whether consciously or unconsciously so named, must continue from one year's end to the other, in camp and out of it, in any situation with which he deals.

But do you, as camp director, give full thought to the importance of public relations? Do you take advantage of the opportunities good publicity presents?

What is Public Relations? Isn't it the impression gained by your public; the impression your public has of your camp and its campers, your programme and its staff, your buildings and camp site, your attitude and you yourself?

And who is your public? Does it not consist of everybody remotely connected with you: parents, relatives, campers, their friends, your staff, maintenance men, the local farmers, the parson, the doctor, local police officers, everybody, including the people known and unknown who read and hear about you? It follows, then, that all of us . . . directors, staff, counsellors . . . must create a good impression with all these folk. How? Mainly by **making** a good impression through the "little things", the unexpected kindnesses shown, the services given; generally, through the way we treat people and get along with all, from the humblest maintenance man to the mightiest mining tycoon parent or Member-of-the-Diplomatic-Corps great uncle. It seems, then, that camping people, like princes, must come to know the difference between doing what they please and what they must.

Let's begin with the closing of camp. Isn't it only natural that parents and campers want to hear from you, their director, while camping days are still fresh in mind? You can keep an excellent contact through a report of

the summer's activities in news-letter form, prepared and mailed in September. Hard work? Yes, but the sort of thing parents appreciate and can enjoy with their children.

Other directors have said they follow through with regular news-letters to campers and staff members every month until camp re-opens; warm, friendly bulletins which give news of staff and campers, changes in programme or policy, additions to buildings or other facilities, plans for reunions and for the following summer. One or two very alert directors send Canadian Camping Magazine to each counsellor and senior staff member.

Christmas, of course, is a Natural. Greetings go out in abundance at this time to all campers and staff, and can include a souvenir of camp, or perhaps a small, frame-able picture of the waterfront, a good sunset view, or maybe a picture of the camp mascot. Birthdays, too, are an excellent reason for that extra friendly greeting which can come as such a pleasant surprise and bring so much happiness to a child of any age.

Actually, a goodly number of directors and senior staff members do make trips of one sort or another during these winter months, but most of them say they combine business and pleasure by mapping the tour to include visits to out-of-town campers or to hold reunions for old campers and recruit for new ones. There is no pleasure quite like the winter reunion, and if, in addition, a camper's family receives a visit from the director, the tie with camp becomes proportionately secure.

December and January, though far enough from Camp Opening, are the months in which to advertise, to get stories to the public through newspaper

interviews, giving accounts of your camp's activity, reports of coming improvements and renovations. Folders with application forms are now ready to go out to parents of present campers as well as to prospective ones.

Any newsworthy story is good for an interview if you can get to the departmental editor who will accept it or write it for you. There may be people on your staff or among your campers who have unusual skills, who come from other countries, who have a story to tell. If such is the case, let your local newspaper editor know. He might be interested in a photograph as well as a story.

If you hire staff members from out of town, let their home town news editors know, either through a news report or through the social page. And, above all, tie in all your news items and publicity with your provincial camping association. The increase in prestige affects camp, director and association alike.

In camp, public relations and human relations go hand-in-hand as day-to-day projects. The director sets the pace for the entire camp, and on him depends the smooth operation of its organization, so much so that visitors to his site can sense the atmosphere within minutes after arrival.

In answer to the question "What makes a counsellor return to a certain camp summer after summer?" it has been said that it is because of his or her feeling of "at-home-ness" within the camp and with all who live there. If a director extends genuine hospitality to his staff, if he sees that his staff is comfortably housed and has a place in which to relax after hours; if a director makes sure that his staff is given at least a half-day each week away from

camp, and if he can make each individual, all down the line, to his youngest cabin counsellor feel that he or she is the most important person in camp, then he is assured of a reasonable return of staff each year. That's showing true concern for the individual on the job, the basis of all sound public relations.

To carry this whole idea further . . . it is now our task to make public relations work in our Canadian Camping Association in general, Provincial Associations in particular. In these weeks ahead, between now and July first, each one of us can share in a task that's not too cumbersome when viewed realistically.

Our immediate concern is, of course, the CCA Conference in Toronto on February 25, 26 and 27. Each director can help by sending other members of his staff to take in the sessions he cannot attend. The programme includes a large slice of "meat" which directors cannot afford to miss. If he can register one or two senior counsellors to attend some of the other workshops and report on them for him, he will gain full benefit from the Convention.

It is within the power of directors, senior staff and counsellors to carry through a valuable selling programme by talking Association work and Camp Conference wherever they go, and by encouraging not only other members but anyone who is at all interested in the outdoors . . . and their name is legion . . . to attend our sessions. Remember that any conference or open meeting the Camping Association organizes is not exclusively for member or non-member camping people. It is for anyone who has a yen to learn,

anyone who wants to know more about woodcraft, waterfront activities, teaching methods, out-tripping and, generally, how to survive in the woods. Anything you can do to bring in more delegates will put our conference across as the most successful ever, and aid immeasurably in a general public relations programme.

Then, as our Public Relations Chairman suggests, when National Camp Week in Canada comes along in May, give it a plug wherever you are, be it a corner of a large metropolis or the village nearest your camp. Through your provincial Association, join the group (or organize one) that must contact merchants for window displays, request the Mayor to proclaim Canadian Camp Week in your district, get in touch with radio broadcasters, programme directors, news editors and feature writers, arrange for camping people to speak to community groups, Home and School Associations, Church groups, etc.

A world of public instruction lies between each one of us and a prosperous year, whether we think in terms of the individual camp director, the camp itself, or our Associations. We have long been aware of a growing need for co-operative thinking and action in this area. The parent Association will be as strong as those of the Provinces, just as the Provincial Associations will be as strong as the enthusiasm and activity of its individual members. Let us see to it that we work together on this matter of interpretation to the benefit of all.

As A Feature Editor Sees It

Remember Alan Klein's words in the December issue? . . . "every year it becomes more difficult to get a full staff . . . To assure ourselves of a constant supply, camping associations must: organize a campaign to acquaint parents with the values of counselling to the counsellor; prepare material for increased publicity and public relations in the press and other media." Here is one of the first steps in that general direction: an article in Lotta Dempsey's widely read column "Person to Person", Toronto Globe and Mail, January 12, 1954.

Well, that was that.

You can relax, with the mid-winter break over and your school-going progeny back in harness.

Next question: Is Junior going to camp this summer?

If we seem to be rushing the barefoot back-bay season at you with too fast a curve, there's a reason.

The other day we dropped in to chat with officials of The Ontario Camping Association, now planning the annual convention of February 25, 26 and 27 in Toronto's Central YMCA. With listeners-in from the Canadian association, this will represent the biggest gathering of camping executives in the history of outdoor life, Canada style.

And it seems that the 500 or more places in the country, in which Ontario's variegated tribes of young Indians, male and female, whoop it up on lake and shore, are going to enjoy the biggest custom of all time.

The catch is on the leadership line.

The latest shortage affecting the welfare, progress and good health of tomorrow's citizenry has to do with the right type of willing young men and women who will act as counsellors.

Time was when university undergraduates, young teachers and senior high school students of mature stature flocked to boys' and girls' camps for summer work.

Latterly, the lure of big wages in a variety of jobs, and the kudos attached to work in industry during holiday times (whether or not the money is essential) has taken many former counsellors away from the camps.

Now, the camping officials are being supported by educational authorities, personnel directors of commercial organizations and social service workers in their efforts to get young people—the ones with warm, outgoing personalities—back into camp.

The children need them, of course. But quite as important, is the training in leadership—a quality sadly lacking in the rank and file of Canadian adults, if one is to believe those in the drivers' seats in many fields of activity.

"A lot of young men and women who came to me looking for jobs are surprised when I ask them if they've ever led in any group enterprise—such as a church club or a summer camp," one personnel director of a Canadian firm told us. "Yet this is the sort of character training we need in our organization."

And a number of men and women in key positions lay stress on their own summer training during outdoor life as part of the build-up for the future.

If you haven't been around a summer camp lately—one of the well-

organized and recognized types with which this province is well provided—you may not be aware of the tremendous changes in camping routines and psychology over the last decade or so.

Camps are now equipped to take care of children from two or three to 16 or 17. There are some projects in which boys and girls meet for many of their activities, separating for others.

Included in the play and games routines are many important phases of training, such as woodlore, self-preservation and fire prevention.

It is the hope, of course, of forestry departments to make every Canadian a watchdog for valuable timber areas. Hunting, fishing and mining safaris present real hazards to the untrained. And much has been said about the necessity for first-aid training for bomb raids, flood or other catastrophes.

Perhaps more important than even these rudimentary skills, for future survival, is development of the art of living together. This is a lesson taught more easily at camp than anywhere else.

So important to this country is camping experience considered that more and more emphasis is being placed upon it by educational authorities. We understand that once the heavy school-building programme now in progress has been somewhat eased, definite steps may be taken to develop camp life as a part of the educational programme—as it is done to a high degree in Michigan, through a series of state-owned, winterized camps.

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Canada will observe May first to May eighth as a National Camp Week. The decision to set aside this week for emphasizing the place and importance of camping in the lives of our boys and girls was made by the Canadian Camping Association in December.

While the Canadian Camping Association will do everything in its power through the medium of radio, T.V., newspapers, magazines, department stores, feature articles, posters, etc., to help make the observance of this week a success, the extent to which we succeed will depend largely on the leadership provided by Provincial Camping Associations, National and Provincial agencies, local camp committees and individual camp directors and staff.

The fact that Camp Week is being observed throughout Canada at a given time should not in any way lessen what Provincial Camping Associations, National Organizations such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, Church organizations, the YMCA, YWCA and local camp committees have been doing in meeting the needs in their area or in giving distinctive emphasis in their own organizations.

The British Columbia, Manitoba and Quebec Camping Associations have been successfully promoting a Camp Week for some years back; now that it has been decided to observe a Camp Week nationally, it is our hope that they will be able to do an even better

piece of work than ever before.

Canada is a young country with a far-flung domain. Nationally, much still remains to be done in achieving our national character. This Canadian Camp Week provides us with an opportunity to display what we can accomplish when all of us, working in our own way and through our own organizations, strive to achieve a common purpose.

What is this purpose?

1. To bring to the general public and to parents in particular the realization that a rich and happy camp experience is the inalienable right of every Canadian boy and girl.

2. To stimulate interest in camping on the part of boys and girls.

3. To challenge young men and women of good character with the unique opportunity presented by camp counselling for effectively serving the younger generation.

4. To educate parents on the points to consider in the selection of camps for their children.

5. To encourage parents to urge their boys and girls of seventeen and eighteen to join the camp counselling movement, and to teach them that health, character-building and preparation for leadership are of far greater value than large salaries at that point in their lives.

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A Look at the Staff Problem

A report of the November Open Meeting of the Ontario Camping Association

Chairman: Mr. R. W. Bundy, Director of Group Services, York Community House, Neighbourhood Workers' Association, Toronto.

When forty-three members of the Ontario Camping Association came together at the Fall Open Meeting, most of them were camp directors, and it was Mr. Reg. Bundy who steered an open discussion of one of today's most pressing camping questions: How can we obtain a more mature qualified staff for 1954?

To open his talk, the Chairman pointed to the differences between agency and private camp problems: in clientele and children, in standards and budgets; and he stressed that these differences had to be kept in mind when choosing staff, but that basically, any camp staff in any situation must be chosen for the interest each member has in children.

One of our tasks is to find an answer for the fifteen- and sixteen-year-old person who wants camping experience. If these young people are ready at this age to assume some responsibility, and if we are training them along these lines, then we must find some way of holding them until they are seventeen.

We know what we want: namely, mature, qualified staff. If we can get such staff members we can train them, and bring them back to us year after year; for these young people realize, just as we do, that camp training is not a one-year project. It goes on from summer to summer. Those who have been in camping for fifty years tell us one never learns all there is to be learned in the field. But here is another thought: are we prepared to train them? Are we prepared to give them

all the privileges and considerations they should have? Each director must view this aspect seriously.

Two obvious reasons exist for a seeming scarcity of good counsellors:

(a) an increase in the number of camps over the past few years; (b) the change in economics which allows young teen-agers to earn large and tempting salaries during the summer months.

But it is also true that we are partly to blame for not attracting these young people to our profession. Looking back to our own treatment of staff, is what we do with them satisfactory to them? Do we nurture the proper *Esprit de corps* within their ranks? After all, the director is (or should be) the strong motivating factor in promoting enjoyment as well as education and work for his staff.

Perhaps we fall down because we have been so eager to promote camping for campers, that we have forgotten about promotion for good staff. We have not informed the public of the benefits to be gained in leadership, health, companionship and poise, through counselling. We must hammer and hammer that it is not enough for young people to look only for a good time and a pay cheque; that it is not enough for them to go into any venture entirely for "me". We must sell young people on the value of intangibles, those qualities which will stay with them all their lives to enhance whatever career they choose.

Mr. Bundy said he would like to suggest that there were steps that the Association might take in working at this common task. "If we turn a good sod for this year," he explained, "we start a good furrow for years to come. This problem is not one only for today. It will face us every year and can become more perplexing as time goes on. But if, each season, we do the spadework we should, then the supply of counsellors of the right calibre should increase of its own accord."

That we must do everything in our power to encourage young people to come into the Camp Counselling movement, was the feeling of the meeting. We must sell ourselves to young people. We must sell camping to them on its own merits. How to do it is the problem. We cannot compete with business and the armed services. So let's see what we have to offer: fellowship, health, leadership, an opportunity to acquire poise, calmness of outlook, keen judgement, all of which prepare young people for any walk of life. These qualities they do not learn from a lecture or a text book. Where, for instance, will a young fellow find a greater challenge than when he suddenly finds himself faced with a human group for which he is entirely responsible? Up to this point he has been looked after. Here, at this moment, he must take the initiative. He learns through actual experience.

It was Mr. Haladner who pointed out that parent education is a necessary part of our programme, too. Parents are sometimes too eager to see their children in the business world regardless of their youth and immaturity, forgetting that the rest of their lives must be spent earning a living, that time is so short for freedom and enjoyment of youthful activities. The tragedy is that a young person's friends

bring pressure to bear on the amassing of seemingly huge sums of money during the summer and often those same friends ridicule those who are not earners.

Camp Counselling has to be a movement . . . full time . . . rather than just an annual problem on which we work spasmodically every spring. It has to be pursued fully into the guidance departments of schools and universities. Some members suggested that as directors we should be prepared to revise our budgets, if necessary, to support the movement and enter such a campaign.

Mr. Lon. Lawson felt that the Camping Association should appoint committees to see that a programme of selling camp counselling is set up on the University campus; it should be an interpretive programme and should be worked out with Presidents of Universities.

The outcome of this Open Meeting is that in Ontario Mr. Irv. Haladner was appointed to head up a committee of interested volunteers to look into the entire publicity question, take the problem to the Universities and other vocational guidance centres, and outline a public relations plan.

Mr. Reg. Bundy heads a second committee to further explore the question of staff recruitment, see what definite steps could be taken, and report at another open meeting early in the year.

At the close of the meeting, all were urged to give this problem top priority over any other work, and that we present some solution before we take on any other task. "Unless we, as a group, are educated in counsellor problems," Mr. Plewman said, "we cannot hope to progress."

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Fatigue -

A Major Health Problem in Camps

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It is probably only natural that some campers will experience fatigue and suffer from its effects, when one considers the marked change in environment from home life to that at camp. The trip to camp, with its excitement, anticipation, tension and in some cases apprehension, results in a very tired camper, both physically and mentally. However, this is something which is easily overcome by a night of good rest. While we have no desire to "molly-coddle" and over-protect, we must recognize the results of fatigue and whenever possible prevent its occurrence.

What is Fatigue? It is the experience of feeling the whole body in a state of discomfort and limpness with a lack of desire to continue the same kind of work or activity.

There are several types of fatigue resulting from prolonged activity or conditions which produce it, but we need consider only three main types in camping.

Physical fatigue: is well known as the feeling of wanting to stop and rest, or to sleep after being very active or after doing something for a long time. Examples of this are many at camp, such as swimming, running, paddling and long periods of crafts. Fatigue in these cases is produced by great exertion for a short time resulting in an oxygen debt, and rapid breathing with increased heart rate. A short rest will

cure this condition. Long continued effort on the other hand will cause an increase of lactic acid in the muscles, which causes the tired, sore feeling and takes much longer to recover from.

Mental fatigue is experienced with long periods of study, reading and concentration. In camp we see it when there is prolonged activity in one thing resulting in lack of interest, boredom, and loss of enthusiasm by the individual or the group. The camper becomes bored, lackadaisical, irritable, tense or jumpy.

Emotional fatigue is seen in moody campers or associated with periods of anger, frustration and jealousy. It should be watched for in those who have fears, are unhappy, or who secretly are homesick. These children look unhappy, pale, and often have dark circled eyes, with signs of tiredness more marked in the morning, when they would be expected to be refreshed.

Factors contributing to these signs of fatigue are many but a few can be listed.

Individual variation in skills is easily recognized, but it is sometimes difficult to appreciate differences in endurance. Some campers seem to be able to stand much more physical activity and mental stimulation than others. This is seen on trips when the same campers will complain of being tired before others in the group.

Age is of course a factor and we do not expect a six-year-old to be able to do the same amount of work or keep at it as long as twelve-year-olds. We should look at the camp programme and note how many activities are the same length for young campers as for older ones. The leader should also be conscious of the fact that his strength and endurance is far beyond that of his group and must expect them to complain of tiredness earlier than he will feel it himself.

Body type is easily recognized as a factor, and the solid muscular body will usually fatigue less easily than the thin, frail type of body build.

Personality types can be picked out at camp, particularly the nervous, tense, worrying youngsters who never seem to rest.

Health, both present and past conditions, especially infections, will reduce the child's ability to work and avoid fatigue. It sometimes takes several days to convalesce from a sore throat and regain full physical condition. Children who are known to suffer from hay fever or asthma may have mild attacks which will produce signs of fatigue. Poor nutrition, seen in those who eat a faulty diet over a period of time may show earlier signs of fatigue than others.

Environment plays a minor part in chronic fatigue, especially the physical arrangements for living. Tents, cabins, swimming and play areas which are too crowded increase fatigue. It is well known that excessive heat or very cold weather will interfere with physical activity.

Sleep is, of course, a major factor in producing fatigue, since the body must have sufficient time in which to restore

its tissues for additional work, and in addition children must have time to grow and we know that growth takes place while the body is at rest. Some campers need more sleep than others, some stay awake later at night and disturb others, while some awaken too early and try to awaken others who need additional sleep. The comfort of beds and bed-clothes play their part in proper sleep, and of course a camper who has nightmares is usually not so well rested as others.

Worry and fear, such as thunder storms, accidents, fights, inter-group troubles, night noises, frustrations and worry about activities in which they have previously failed, all contribute to the feeling of tiredness.

Physical condition depends upon previous physical work, and some have had more opportunity than others to get into condition. No one reaches the limit of exertion.

Boredom results from faulty programme, lack of enthusiastic leadership or prolongation of the normal attention span for the age of the group.

Results of Fatigue:

1. Irritability — sometimes ending in behaviour disturbances, emotional outbursts and change in normal personality may be an early sign.

2. Loss of interest in activity is, of course, early and may be associated with an inability to concentrate.

3. Health hazards, which are associated, are the tendency to headaches, loss of appetite, loss of weight, and susceptibility to colds. Severe physical fatigue often precedes paralytic polio.

4. Safety hazards associated with fatigue are loss of attention, diminished skill, carelessness and a lack of keenness in appreciating danger.

What can we do about fatigue?

If it occurs, we can have the child examined medically to rule out such causes as infection or disease, and eliminate the cause if possible. The total camp programme should be evaluated to see if it is too active, too stimulating and if there are tense situations developing. The group should be looked at to see if it is the poor leadership, if there is any disturbing influence in the group, and if a change is needed either in group personnel, counsellor or activities. The individual with fatigue may be homesick, worried or trying too hard to do physical things. A separate period of rest from the group, a special programme or freedom from routine may eliminate some of the troubles.

Prevention is most important and should be part of a well-organized camp. Get the campers into good condition in order that they can enjoy the camp holiday. Have the camp ready for them so that there is a minimum of confusion over baggage, beds and physical arrangements. Explain everything possible to new campers in order to overcome worries, fears, and apprehension. Grade the physical activities in the early days of camp by having shorter activity periods and more "free" time. Plan periods of "relaxing" programme. Rest periods should be prolonged before and after special events and especially during hot, humid weather.

Sleep should be of as much concern as food and water safety. Use the

following schedule as minimum hours of sleep, rather than time in bed. It is better to err on the side of overdoing it.

6- 8 years	11	hours
9-11 years	10½	hours
12-14 years	10	hours
15-17 years	9	hours
Staff	at least 8 hours	

Institute patrols for early wakers and have quiet retiring periods with evening programmes which taper off.

Programme plans should be changed if unusual conditions arise, such as hot weather, numerous colds, unexpected happenings and so forth. Create interest and maintain enthusiasm by repeatedly putting something new into regular programs. Continuous comment from the director and leaders about performance of groups and individuals should be maintained. Never lose an opportunity to praise.

Constant watch for signs of tension, worry and irritability in individual campers and in groups will allow the director to find the cause and prevent loss of interest and the more serious results of fatigue.

All of the above is equally important and perhaps more-so for members of the staff, who cannot be satisfactory leaders if they are suffering from fatigue. The camping experience is so much richer if it is unhampered by over-tiredness.

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Among Ourselves

ANNE VAIL

Past President, Canadian Camping Association

May we present one of Canada's outstanding out-of-doors families! Floyd M. Van Wagner, known to his many friends as "Van", was born in Hyde Park, N.Y. His childhood, spent on a farm, gave him a permanent and enthusiastic interest in outdoor living, and lured him into a career in Physical Education. He graduated from Springfield College in 1920, when Dr. A. S. Lamb secured him for McGill University. While at Springfield, he was captain of the track team and captured the Eastern Colleges quarter mile championship.

At McGill he was coach of the track and basketball teams. Graduate studies at Harvard and McGill University further prepared him for his career.

Fortunately, he chose as his life partner a McGill graduate in Physical Education, and Catherine has matched his enthusiasm.

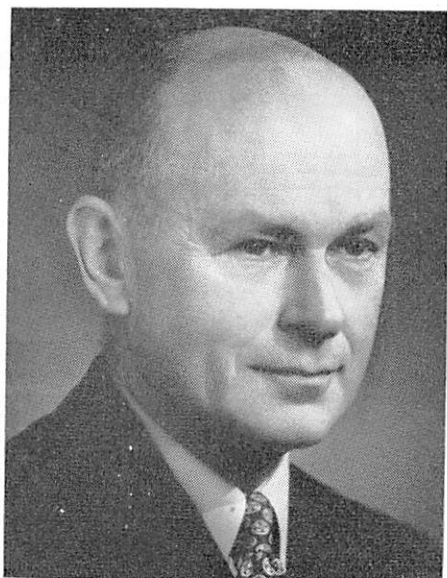
Always interested in camping, Van bent his efforts toward the establishment of Camp Nominique for boys. He was co-founder of this Camp with Hay Finlay in 1925.

Camp Nominique, situated on Little Lake Nominique in the Laurentians, has 180 acres surrounded by large tracts of Crown land, where parties are free to travel. It provides a unique site for his interest in hiking, fly casting, photography, canoe trips

and the many activities of camp for boys.

After more than 25 years, he retired from coaching at McGill to give more time to the School of Physical Education as well as to the direction of recreational activities. It was natural with his background of experience and enthusiastic interest that he should become faculty adviser to the McGill Outing Club in 1940.

An ardent skier, Van played an important role in developing the popular McGill Ski School, held each January



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in the Laurentians. Camping courses for men students followed, and as a practical application he conducted canoe trips and ski touring for students.

In his wide field of activities, Van has shared his knowledge and skills. He was a promoter of the Canadian Camping Association, the first president of the Quebec Branch, Past President of the Quebec Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and the McGill Faculty Club. As a member of the Montreal Rotary Club since 1935 he showed his interest in worthwhile community efforts.

The long successful career at McGill will close with the 1953-54 season. It is not retirement; just an opportunity to roam further afield by car to find greater experience in outdoor living. These will be shared with the campers at Nominiguc, where Van is now sole owner and Director.

As a Camp Director he shares his experiences and skills with campers, having acted as Director of Canoe Trips for 25 years. He has now relinquished this work to his son Charles, a Montreal engineer who still spends his summers at Nominiguc. Son Peter is Ski Instructor at Banff. Twin daughters May and Rachel have also been keen skiers, and it is expected that the three young grandchildren will be at home in the woods and on skis.

How have career and hobbies been so successfully combined? One might suggest the clue is that Catherine Van Wagner has been a true partner to her husband in all his exploits. All vacations have been spent together camping and skiing in the Laurentians or the

Rockies. She is the expert cook on trips as well as at home, and surpasses her husband in knowledge of birds, flowers, stars, etc. She shares his interest and enthusiasm in hobbies.

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For the more adventurous, the miles on swift skis, the brilliant sunshine, blue sky, white world relieved by evergreens, the magnificent views from hill-tops, the friendly feeling of valleys, the lunch, cooked out-of-doors, the afternoons of more skiing, then supper, the campfire, balsam shelter, sleeping bag, and all not in defiance of, but in tune with below-zero Canadian weather.

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Here you meet Floyd M. Van Wagner, Vice-President of the Canadian Camping Association, who has made and is still making a unique contribution to Canadian Camping.

Youth Camping

in Great Britain

BOB FROOD-BARCLAY

*Editor, "Camping and Outdoor Life", the official organ of
Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland*

Youth camping in Great Britain is not the "organized" affair it appears to be in Canada. This does not, however, mean that the Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland — the premier, and so the oldest, camping club in the world — is unmindful of the necessity for training British camping youth. On the contrary, it does so in a thoroughly efficient manner.

To youngsters, camping and all that goes with it, is an adventure. What youngster, be he rich or poor, does not love to pack his kit and be off into the wide open spaces whenever time and opportunity allows. But he likes to do things himself and in his own sweet way (well, I always did!) This is inherent and something which must not be stopped—instead it must be co-ordinated, AND in such a way that the youngster will not feel that he is being bossed or pushed around.

The Camping Club, therefore, has a youth section, "Camping Club Youth" and like all sections of the Club (there are canoe, cycling, mountaineering, caravanning sections and artists and photographic groups) it is an independent unit within the Club. But it is still co-ordinated and helped by Youth Liaison officers (old and experienced campers who delight in helping the young).

Special low subscriptions enable youngsters to come under the protec-

tion of the parent club and, whilst enjoying freedom, to camp as they please and enjoy the many benefits and privileges which are the result of years of toil by many pioneers. They can (and do, of course) wear the Club badge and fly the Club pennon, and they are encouraged to join the Club's sections. Within the framework they learn that there are two ways of doing a thing; the right and the wrong way. Also, they get tips and guidance and indeed, in the end, they turn out to be, in many cases, far better campers than those who have taught them! One can usually pick out the youth campers by their trim line of tents—everything neat and tidy—a pride in what they are doing being quite evident.

Do not think by this that British Youth Campers are allowed to "do just as they please"—far from it, for they have a special test to pass and they are bound to camp on one of the parent club's own sites until they have passed this test. Here "lives" the Youth Liaison Officer who takes the youngsters under his or her wing, and although allowing them the freedom so necessary and dear to youth, keeps an eye on them without dictating; guides them safely through the "rough water" of their first season's camping.

When they have passed the test, they are entitled to buy and fly a special Test Pennon, and this they are proud

to do. Many of these pennons can be seen at week-ends gaily fluttering in the breeze, and testify to good campers, taught and fostered by the Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland.

Having passed this test, they are entitled to purchase the parent Club's Sites List and camp on any of the 1200 sites listed therein.

The test is quite easy and embraces the following subjects: 1. Packing of Kit; 2. Tent Pitching Ability; 3. Stove Lighting; 4. Elementary First Aid; 5. Code for Campers; 6. General Behaviour; 7. Clean Camping and Tidiness. A fair general level of proficiency under each of the above headings will be expected.

By being encouraged to "do things for themselves" the youngsters learn quickly and are as keen as mustard; they learn to practice the 11 rules of Good Camping which are:

- Give due courtesy and the proper fee to the owner of the ground.
- Open gates, but shut them after you to prevent cattle straying.
- Offend nobody by unnecessary noise, or by noise late at night.
- Don't annoy local residents or other visitors.
- Camp joyously, but remember those who follow you.
- Ask permission before you pitch a tent or light a fire.
- Make proper sanitary arrangements and keep them clean.
- Put all rubbish in the proper place and not in hedges or ditches.
- Improve the site by cleaning up and do not spoil it by litter.
- Never leave anything behind but a good impression.
- Go on your way with a clear conscience.

They also learn to observe the Camping Club's special "Code for Campers" which everyone who joins the Club promises to observe. This is simple, but ensures that campers do not bring the great pastime to ill-repute.

The Code for Campers

1. **Camp Sites.** Camp on private land in preference to waste land and do not forget to ask permission. Be careful to conform with any regulation of the site-owner and of the local authority.

2. **Fires.** Do not light any wood fires without permission or break down hedges or trees for firewood. Avoid lighting fires or throwing down lighted matches or cigarette ends near dry grass or bushes, taking special care in the neighbourhood of forests and plantations. Be very careful in the use of stoves.

3. **Refuse.** Do not leave litter anywhere. Place rubbish in receptacles provided or otherwise dispose of it adequately.

4. **Sanitation.** The utmost care should be taken in matters of sanitation and campers must conform with the practice laid down in The Camping Club Year Book.

5. **Country Courtesy.** Use courtesy in all your dealings with local people, whose livelihood may be prejudiced by misuse of your privileges.

But above all, they learn to be **INDEPENDENT** and that is a great thing, for it helps to build good citizens. The late Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, the founder of the Boy Scout movement, and himself, probably, the greatest camper of all times, used to say:

"Don't sit down with a tear or a frown,
"But paddle your own canoe."

Youth Camping in India

*An interview with MR. WALLACE FORGIE
Director of Camp Tonakela, Madras, India*

To talk to someone who has, literally, devoted his life to camping because he knows boys and girls cannot grow fully without it, is always a privilege. But when the camp, boys and girls happen to be in India, and that director and his camping methods distinctly Canadian, it is inspiring indeed to listen to the details of such a venture.

Surely most campers and all directors know of Camp Tonakela in Madras, "where good camping is demonstrated, and leadership developed" as director Wallace Forgie advertises it. As a matter of fact, a large group of Canadian camps and campers support money-raising projects and send other contributions to Mr. Forgie, to help feed and house the under-privileged children from Madras who are also sent to Tonakela for a few days, perhaps, or a week, at any time during the year.

It all began when, after Mr. Forgie had spent a number of years in India with the YMCA, he realized its crying need for outdoor camping experience. Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements, as well as YMCA activities, took place within walls. His dream was to see those children camping; learning the joys of sleeping, cooking their meals and swimming outdoors just as Canadian children do when they are at camp.

He leased the first site, organized the camp, and went to work on buildings as much as possible with money which had been given for such a purpose. During the war the Army comman-

deered the site, but another was found, and Tonakela carried on. Last year, a beautiful swimming pool was dedicated, and this in a district where it was necessary to excavate for well water to keep the tank supplied.

So here, in his own words, is Mr. "Wally" Forgie's report:

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"Unlike its Canadian counterparts, its season continues throughout twelve months of the year (October to September is the Camp year). Groups of girls and boys from clubs, Scouts and Guides, from schools or from the street corners of Madras City, are constantly coming and going for short periods from three to ten days. Some of these are middle class groups who pay all their own expenses; others are needy or even submerged and they come as guests of campers in your country, with every expense met for them.

"I am very happy to be able to report that the year just closed was one of remarkably useful service, filled with more and better camping, a much larger contribution to the villagers

round about, and a good and successful start on our convalescent camping.

"With 3,004 girl and boy campers in forty-six groupings using the site, we have arrived at the point of optimum usage. To crowd in more would not add to the quality or value of the camping experience for those who come to Camp Tonakela.

"Village boys make increasing use of the site for games, swimming and vegetable gardening (using waste water from the swim pool). Hundreds of village children, as well as four hundred and sixty-eight girls from orphanage hostels in Madras City have enjoyed camping for three to four days as guests of various North American camps. The sole disappointing feature is that the total of girl campers was only two hundred and seventy-eight. The last camp of our year, fifty-nine lady students of St. Christopher's Training College, may be a harbinger of improvement in this phase, as they had ten days of really fine camping experience. These women will go out to be teachers in schools for girls.

"A very important service was rendered by providing water for villagers whose wells have been dry since March with non-recovery up to October 1953. Many people have been totally dependent upon Camp Tonakela wells for all the needs of their homes and their

cattle. Emergency feeding for one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five village children of two to eleven years went on daily throughout the year on account of prevailing famine conditions. Gifts of Multi-Purpose Food were again received from The Meals for Millions Foundation of Los Angeles; of rice, wheat and milk powder from The South India Famine Relief Committee; and of twenty thousand Multi-Vitamin Pills and ten sacks of beans from Church World Service. These contributions, which helped out for about three months, cut camp cost per meal to four-and-a-half cents!

"All of us . . . the three thousand and four campers, the village children who have been fed once a day, their grateful parents, and the villagers whom we have served with water . . . want to join with our committee in a very hearty THANK YOU for all you have enabled us to do."

We are glad to have Mr. Forgie with us on a visit which is all too short, and we know there are many camps and campers who will want to send as much as they can raise to help the children of India to health and happiness. Mr. Forgie can visit a few camps this summer. Make enquiries and send all contributions to: Mr. John Bugar, Treasurer, 310 Federal Building, Toronto.

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The Story Corner . . .

The Little Indispensable

MARY PATHY

In a certain Canadian camp for the past thirty years, lush, rich, sticky buns have been part of the Sunday-night supper, a reward to each camper for writing her Sunday letter home. "The Little Indispensable", sixteen-year-old Mary Pathy's speech at last year's camp banquet, kept the guests in gales of laughter, and was presented by her as a tribute to the cook who has been making Sunday Buns, come sweltering heat or nippy blast, for all of those thirty years.—Editor.

I am the Little Indispensable. It is I who, although sweet and loved by all, may be gained only as a reward . . . for I am a Sunday Bun.

To elaborate on my existence: while counsellors and campers are *luxuriously relaxing* on Sundays, I am in the midst of a violent disturbance. For the last six days I have remained at peace in various corners of my small store-room world, awaiting the day when I am again needed for the survival of camp.

Eventually, on the great day, the camp has no sooner settled down to its daily rest hour, than I am dragged forth in my barest form, part by part, from my humble abodes.

Then begins my weekly beauty treatment. First I'm rolled, then flattened out, then buttered, sugared, rolled again, and finally around I go into lovely pin curls. Then, along comes that flashy butcher knife, and . . . wham! slice! . . . I'm on my own, separated from all my brothers and sisters.

Now my creator, who, for over a quarter of a century has watched my ancestors come and go, decides that I

need another rest. So I'm popped into my little tin sleeping bag and tucked into a great black abyss. While campers and counsellors swelter away in the burning sun attempting to acquire a lovely brown colour in eight weeks, I achieve such a goal in a few minutes in my dark haven.

Time passes swiftly, and soon I am ready to come out into the daylight, a true Canadian camp beauty. I scarcely have time to accustom myself to the light before I, along with ten of my relatives, am placed on a plate awaiting to be paid for. Suddenly one of us is snatched away, and I am just in time to see a grey-clad figure with a somewhat dilapidated poodle cut (obviously a counsellor!) carrying a tray in the direction of the infirmary, chewing contentedly on my twin.

Shortly after that major catastrophe, I cleverly assume that the supper bell has gone as hordes of girls in white (obviously undernourished) barge into the dining-room, heavily laden with Sunday letters in their desire to obtain me—their reward.

All is reasonably quiet for about fifteen minutes while the girls gingerly

nibble at the first course. Then, plate by plate, my family deserts me until I, too, am carried swiftly to a still-famished table. There I am given a critical Once Over as twenty eyes feast their gaze on me and my clan. As I look around, I find myself being passed from person to person where, after a hasty inspection, I am left untouched as the larger ones take priority.

At last I am all alone on the plate, but what a predicament faces me! Two sets of eyes stare at me, as two pairs of hands grab for me. In a flash I find myself no longer on the plate, but cautiously wrapped up in a paper napkin, I am stuffed into a camper's blouse pocket where I gaze contentedly out of a hole.

At long last, as I see the girls loosening their belts, I realize that the meal is over. A scraping of chairs and a bumpy ride down to the canoes confirms this idea. From my airy peephole I am well able to see the campers expertly manoeuvring their canoes under the critical eye of the Canoeing Counsellor, but to no avail. Could it be that she has devoured too many of my relatives?

After a time when darkness falls, I find myself a trifle squashed, hemmed in by campers anxious to hear their Sunday concert. By the time that is over, my captor, it appears, has forgotten me as she pulls off her blouse and drops it, in the tidy manner of most campers, aimlessly on the floor to be trampled on. Quite worn out by my busy day, I decide to fall asleep instead of listening to the tent's muffled midnight mutterings.

I am awakened early the next morning by eager, *so-wide-awake* campers, hurrying to be *first* in for the morning dip. Surely this blouse . . . my home . . . will soon be taken up and I will be discovered. But, no! My hopes are dashed as I am left untouched.

For four days I lie in this state of solitude. Then, my captor, rummaging through her trunk in search of a second sock and a flashlight bulb, happens to come across me.

What squeals of delight! She pulls me out of the crumpled blouse pocket. For the last time in my short existence I see daylight. I think my last thoughts . . . that for many, many more years my descendants will bring happiness to more and more campers.

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The British Columbia Camping Association for their excellent assemblage of programme material, including: Campfire Games, Stories and Songs, Campcraft Suggestions, Rainy Day Programmes. Write to Mr. Charles Roche, President, B.C. Camping Association, 1969 Waterloo St., Vancouver 8.

The Department of National Health and Welfare has a bibliography of booklets and movies which may be had for the asking. Write to your Provincial Departments of Health and Welfare, and ask for "Featuring Fitness."

The Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity will loan motion picture films if you will write to Publicity Branch, Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity, Parliament Buildings, Toronto 2, Ontario. Bookings in the

U.S.A. should be made through the National Film Board, 400 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Films must be returned within a specified date, and two alternatives should be specified with the booking order which should be sent at least a month in advance. Some are 16 mm, others are 35 mm; all cover the holiday regions in various parts of Canada, in all parts of the year.

Books and pamphlets published by the Girl Scouts of America have been listed in a new catalogue which may be obtained from Miss Muriel D. Lickel, Promotion Adviser, Publication Section, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., 155 East 44th St., New York 17. Excellent booklets cover every phase of camp activity and sell for very nominal sums indeed.

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This is the Programme to date. We have not yet had final verification of chairmen in many cases, but we hope to have the completed programme ready for you very shortly; and, of course, there may be a few unavoidable changes in the final copy.

We are hoping camp directors will send more than one delegate. As you can see from the proposed list of sessions, there may be several subjects which are valuable to each person. Camp directors can sit in on discussions of interest to them, while their representatives can enjoy and report to them on other sessions.

"Information Please" is for everybody, and we want to have ready beforehand as many questions as possible for the panel of experts. A Question Box will stand in a prominent spot in the YMCA Rotunda until 12 noon, Saturday. Drop in your questions as you think of them . . . as many and as often as you like. They may be signed or not, as you please. But let's make this the most enthusiastic Wind Up Session CCA has ever produced.

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6.15 P.M. — DINNER AND ANNUAL MEETING — C.C.A.

8.00 P.M. — ANNUAL MEETING, ONTARIO CAMPING ASSOCIATION

Chairman, Mr. John Hoyle, President, O.C.A.; Director, Camp GayVenture.

Address—Miss Marjorie Camp, Director, Joy Camps, Wisconsin.

Refreshments and social hour.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26

9.00 A.M. — REGISTER

10.00 A.M. — WORKSHOPS

(1) The Counsellor Staff—Recruitment, Compensation, Remuneration.
Chairman: Mr. Reg. Bundy, Bolton Camp.

(2) Waterfront Installation and Supervision: For camps on a budget, or for those with unlimited resources.
Chairman: Mr. Warren Clayson, Director of Swimming and Water Safety, Canadian Red Cross Society (Ontario Division).

(3) Purchasing Supplies
Chairman: Mr. Fred Haiblen.

12.00 Noon — KINDRED GROUP LUNCHEONS

Signify your group for today: Private Camps, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, Church Camps, YMCA, YWCA, Kiwanis, Day Camps, Agency Camps, Salvation Army.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 26

2.00 P.M.

WORKSHOPS

(1) The Counsellor Staff—Panel Discussion.
Chairman to be Announced.

(2) Programming—
Chairman: Miss Marjorie Camp.

(3) Business Administration—Agency Camps, Private Camps.
Chairman: Mr. Irwin Haladner, Director, Camp Wabi-Kon.

(4) Nature Lore.
Chairman: Mr. Stuart Thompson.

6.15 P.M.

DINNER—Speaker: Miss Marjorie Camp.
Chairman—Miss Anne Vail.

EXHIBITS AND LUCKY DRAW.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27

9.00 A.M. — REGISTER

10.00 A.M.

WORKSHOPS

- (1) Food
Feeding Campers.
Purchasing.
Chairman: Ruth Carruthers, B.A., Bolton Camp.
- (2) Basic Teaching Methods.
Chairman: Mr. Leonard G. Chellew, Principal, Forest Hill Junior High School; Programme Director, Sherwood Forest Camp.
- (3) Canadian Camp Song Book.
Chairman: Mrs. Dorothy Douglas.

12.00 Noon

KINDRED CLUB LUNCHEONS

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 27

2.00 P.M.

CLOSING SESSION

"Information Please"

Everybody come and bring those questions you would like someone to answer.

Chairman: W. Bertram Danson, Conference Chairman
Director, Camp Winnebago.

Panel: Miss Marjorie Camp; Mr. Jack Pearse, Director, Camp On-Da-Da-Waks, Ottawa YMCA; Mr. Norman Cragg, Executive Secretary, Recreational Division, Toronto Welfare Council; Mrs. Adele Ebbs, Director, Camp Wapomeo.

5.30 P.M.

DINNER

Speaker: Rev. Richard Jones, Director, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

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